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6 June 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Administrative Staff, Development Projects  
Division

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SUBJECT : Suspended [ ] Invoices

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REFERENCE : A. [ ] Invoice No. 2107, dated 19 May 1961, in  
Amount of \$798.88

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B. [ ] Invoice No. 2092, dated 18 May 1961, in  
Amount of \$1,516.13

1. The two invoices referred above reached my desk last week with only partial certification on Reference B and without certification at all on Reference A.

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2. In the course of attempting to clear this up, I met with [ ] and [ ] in the former's office around the corner on 2 June 1961. Of the total amount on Reference A, I am satisfied with \$390.05, representing materiel charges, labor costs, and a landing fee as described in the body of the invoice. I find myself at odds, however, with \$408.83 identified simply as "car rental, taxis, and telephone charges"

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3. On invoice No. 2092, I find no quarrel with \$1,219.23, representing material and POL, but I cannot say the same for \$296.90 of this voucher which is again for taxis, telephone calls, and car rental. Specifically, I raised the question about the need for these items as a charge to the [ ] accounts with [ ] since I was interested in discovering who authorized charges of this sort.

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4. [ ] told me that these amounts were incurred by [ ] and [ ] three [ ] pilots who were at the time serving the interest of [ ] I asked him if it was he who had authorized them to ride taxis, place telephone calls, and rent cars, and he replied in the negative. He said that the pilots had simply given him a listing of charges in the

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25X1A manner set forth in the invoices and had signed their names to these  
25X1A lists and on that basis [ ] had reimbursed them for expenses. Mr.  
25X1A [ ] indicated that he had not authorized these charges himself. In  
25X1A fact, he said that during the period 5 through 16 May when Mr. [ ]  
25X1A placed a bill with us for \$129.90 worth of car rental in Washington  
25X1A that he, [ ] was not even aware that [ ] was in town until [ ]  
and [ ] walked in on him unannounced.

25X1A 5. I then checked with [ ] to find out if he had authorized  
25X1A these pilots to incur expenses of this kind, and he too replied in the  
25X1A negative. I am not saying that charges such as these cannot be properly  
25X1A defended, but I do think two things are wrong: (1) There appears to be  
25X1A no person who has authorized them from Headquarters, and (2) the pilots  
25X1A themselves furnish [ ] with no back-up information to support their  
25X1A requests for reimbursement; i.e., receipts. In view of the fact that we  
25X1A are paying [ ] a day for the services of each of these pilots,  
25X1A plus per diem, I wonder if we are not out of line simply to permit the  
25X1A individuals to rack up charges of this kind without any form of control  
25X1A whatever. I wish you would look into this matter and make a recommenda-  
25X1A tion regarding the settlement of the two outstanding amounts; i.e.,  
25X1A \$408.83 on Reference A and \$296.90 on Reference B. I do think it would  
25X1A be proper in the meantime to pay [ ] the sum of \$390.05 on Reference  
25X1A A and \$1,219.23 on Reference B.

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